

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (currently amended) A roof module for vehicles, for installation on a vehicle body including a front cross member having peripheral shoulders, a rear cross member having peripheral shoulders, and sidewalls having peripheral shoulders, ~~in which an opening being defined between said front cross member, said rear cross member and said side rails, said opening having~~ ~~has been made of~~ approximately the same dimensions as the roof and defined by front and rear body cross members and rails, the roof module comprising:

~~an original~~ a roof panel, ~~with its~~ having an end finish;

a full conventional interior trim, ~~normally of larger dimensions than the roof panel,~~ and pre-installed interior accessories, the roof panel having dished recesses at its front and rear edges which are engagable underneath the front and rear ~~[[body]]~~ cross members of the vehicle body as to ~~at least partially cover them~~ cover said front and rear cross members from underneath when the roof module is installed on the vehicle body, said roof panel also having ~~at least one~~ two perimeter ~~step that matches~~ steps arranged to match up positionally with the respective peripheral shoulders provided both on of the front and rear cross members and on the side rails of the body, ~~so as to jointly make~~ member, two perimeter steps arranged to match up positionally with the respective peripheral shoulders of the rear cross member of the vehicle body, and, on each side, a perimeter step arranged to match up positionally with a peripheral shoulder of the respective side rail of the vehicle body, when the roof module is installed on the vehicle body, said perimeter steps jointly making up a contact surface through which the roof module is joinable to the vehicle body.

Claim 11 (canceled).

12. (previously presented) The roof module for vehicles according to claim 10, wherein the roof panel has a through opening for fastening devices of some of the interior accessories comprised in the roof module, so that the fastening devices of these accessories will pass through both the trim and the roof panel.

13. (currently amended) The roof module for vehicles according to claim 10, wherein the trim is dimensioned to exceed dimensions of the roof panel at side areas of the roof module, so that the interior accessories positioned in ~~that area~~ said side areas are pre-installed on the trim only and ~~[[will]]~~ arranged to be fastened directly to a frame of the vehicle body, without passing through the roof ~~module-roof~~ panel.

14. (currently amended) The roof module for vehicles according to claim 10, wherein the front and rear cross members are provided with a series of holes ~~that enable~~ and a series of locating elements ~~to be set in place~~ are arranged on the roof module so as to assist installation of the roof module on the vehicle body; ~~the locating elements being arranged on the roof module so as to be removable after the module is attached~~ by being insertable in the corresponding series of holes in the front and rear cross members to which the roof module is to be attached.

Claim 15 (canceled).

16. (currently amended) The roof module for vehicles according to claim 15, wherein a plurality of holes are provided for receiving mechanical fasteners ~~are provided for securing the roof module~~ at certain points of the roof panel perimeter steps ~~to secure the roof module while the adhesive is~~ during setting of an adhesive applied at said perimeter steps during installation of the roof module.

Claim 17 (canceled).

18. (currently amended) The roof module for vehicles according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 10, wherein stress ~~transmitter elements~~ transmitters are arranged between the roof panel and the trim

so as to match up with the perimeter steps in the roof panel, the stress ~~transmitter elements~~ transmitters being configured and arranged to enable force to be applied to the trim ~~so that~~ for pressing the ~~[[metal]]~~ roof panel ~~sticks to the perimeter~~ against the peripheral shoulders of the ~~vehicle body frame~~ front and rear cross members and side rails of the vehicle body, during installation of the roof module to said vehicle body, without damaging the interior trim due to pressure exerted.

Claim 19 (canceled).

20. (new) The roof module according to claim 14, wherein the locating elements are arranged to be removed after the roof module has been attached to the vehicle body.

21. (new) The roof module for vehicles according to claim 10, wherein the trim has larger dimensions than the roof panel.

22. (new) The roof module according to claim 10, wherein the conventional trim is a multilayer trim.

23. (new) A vehicle body having a roof module according to claim 10, said vehicle body further including said front cross member having peripheral shoulders, a rear cross member having peripheral shoulders, and side rails having peripheral shoulders.

24. (new) The vehicle body according to claim 3, wherein the roof module is attached underneath the front and rear cross members, said front and rear cross members being closed on top by panels that cover the cross members and provide a form and finish pertaining to the exterior of the vehicle body by constituting a part of the roof that is not constituted by the roof module.

25. (new) The vehicle body according to claim 10, wherein between the peripheral steps of the roof module and the peripheral shoulders of the front cross member, the rear cross

member and the side rails, at least one string of adhesive is provided for bonding the roof module to the vehicle body.

26. (new) The vehicle body according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the strings of adhesive forms a continuous ring so as to fill and added function of a sealing strip.